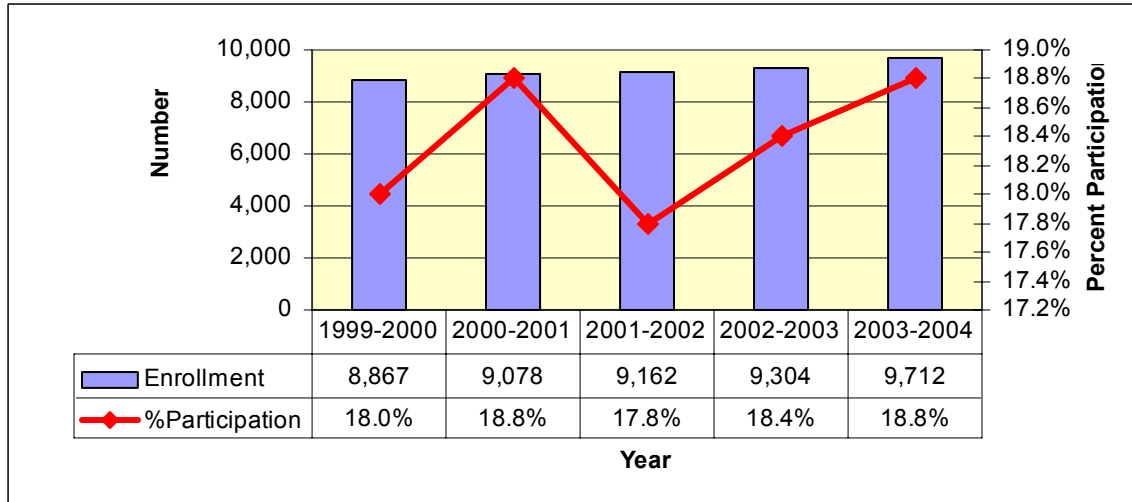


Free and Reduced Meals: Eligibility for free or reduced price meals is based upon family income. Eligibility for a family of four to receive reduced price meals is an annual income of \$33,485 or less. Schools in the county have a wide range of students who meet income criteria for free or reduced meals. Program participation ranges from 6.7% at a Bozeman school to 56% at a small rural school. In Gallatin County, numbers show a slight increase in the overall percentage of students who participate in this program since the 1999-2000 school year.

Gallatin County Students Receiving Free and Reduced Price Meals, 1999-2004



Source: Office of Public Instruction, <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/measurement/Index.html>